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2 Former FBI Men Blast Hoover

A former veteran FBI official and a young ex-agent Friday said that director J. Edgar Hoover's personnel practices, his obsession with his own image and intolerance of others' viewpoints have seriously impaired the FBI's effectiveness.

Joseph L. Kissiah, 51, of Overland Park, Kans., and Robert N. Wall, of Buffalo, N. Y., said they had written letters to Sen. George McGovern (D., S. D.) supporting his call for a Congressional investigation of Hoover's administration of the FBI.

Both said they would be willing to testify at a Congressional hearing.

During 29 years with the FBI Kossiah served as an inspector in Washington and as special agent in charge of three different field offices (Milwaukee, Charlotte and Norfolk). After falling from Hoover's grace in 1969, he was ordered transferred to Butte, Mont., then pressured into resigning.

Wall, now attending Buffalo University, served with the FBI from May 1965 to April 1970, most of the time in Washington. He told a reporter, "I was not forced to resign. I resigned on my own because I could not stand the suppression of opinion and the personnel practices."

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